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REMARKS

The Final Office Action is not completely responsive to Applicant's response of November 24, 2006. For example, **the Patent Office has not described where in the prior art there is a teaching for claim 3's subject matter** of "the memory area of a plurality of mobile terminals further comprises a personal area and a shared area." **In Lin and/or Lee, where is the personal area and where is the shared area?** Applicant also notes that claim 3 was considered allowable in the July 27, 2005, Office Action in which claims were rejected by a combination of Lin and Lee.

Claims 1, 2, 4-25, and 27-62 are currently pending. Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 3 and is also supported by page 6, line 18, through page 7, line 6, of the specification as filed. Claims 24 and 25 have been amended to incorporate subject matter from allowed claim 27. A number of claims that had depended from claim 26 now depend from claim 27. Claims 3 and 26 have been canceled. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

The Patent Office rejected claims 1, 24, 25, and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, because of the recitation of "directly." To forward prosecution, Applicant has deleted this term in the claims.

The Patent Office rejected claims 1, 13, 14, 20-26, 29-30, 32, 35, and 42-45 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Lin, U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0051737.

For a claim to be anticipated, each and every non-inherent claim limitation must be disclosed in a reference. MPEP 2131.

Claim 1 recites as follows:

A method to operate a plurality of mobile terminals, comprising: storing an editable object in the plurality of mobile terminals, and simultaneously editing the editable object using at least some of the plurality of mobile terminals, where the mobile terminals that are used for editing the editable object send locally generated edit commands to other mobile terminals of the plurality of mobile terminals, **where a memory area of each of a plurality of mobile terminals further comprises a personal area and a shared area.**

Claim 24 recites as follows:

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A computer program stored on a computer readable media for directing a computer to execute a method that comprises: storing an editable object in a mobile terminal that is a member of a set of mobile terminals; editing the editable object in the mobile terminal; and transmitting edit commands to other members of the set of mobile terminals, **where the mobile terminal further comprises a memory area divided into a working memory area and a permanent storage memory area, further logically divided into a personal area and a shared area, where information in the personal area includes at least one edited instance of the editable object.**

Claim 25 recites as follows:

A mobile terminal, comprising a wireless transceiver, a data processor, and a memory for use in storing an editable object, editing the editable object and transmitting, via the wireless transceiver, edit commands to other members of a set of mobile terminals that also store and edit the same editable object, **where the mobile terminal further comprises a memory area divided into a working memory area and a permanent storage memory area, further logically divided into a personal area and a shared area, where information in the personal area includes at least one edited instance of the editable object.**

Claim 27 recites as follows:

A wireless communication system comprising a plurality of mobile terminals at least one comprising means for editing an editable object and for transmitting information that comprises edit commands, via the wireless communications system, to others of the plurality of mobile terminals for implementing collaborative editing of said editable object, **where the mobile terminal further comprises a memory area divided into a working memory area and a permanent storage memory area, further logically divided into a personal area and a shared area, where information in the personal area includes at least one edited instance of the editable object.**

Because claims 24 and 25 recite similar subject matter to that of claim 27, Applicant believes that claims 24 and 25 and their dependent claims are allowable over the prior art of record.

The Patent Office rejected claims 2, 3, 11, and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Lee, U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0015548.

Claim 2 recites "where a memory area of the plurality of mobile terminals comprises a

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working memory area used during editing and a permanent storage memory area.”

Claim 3 recites “where the memory area of a plurality of mobile terminals further comprises a personal area and a shared area.”

It is not understood why claim 3 is considered obvious in view of Lin and Lee in the Office Actions mailed August 25, 2006, and April 21, 2006, when they were considered allowable, against these same two references, in the Office Action mailed July 27, 2005, where the Patent Office asserted “As to claim 3, the prior art of record do not disclose method as in claim 1, where the memory area of a plurality of mobile terminals further comprises a personal area and a shared area.” It is not understood why the Patent Office asserted (page 8, line 8, of the Final Office Action mailed January 17, 2007) “As to claim 3, the claim is rejected for the same reason as set forth in claim 2.”

A memory area of a plurality of mobile terminals that comprises a personal area and a shared area (claim 3) is not the same as a memory area that comprises a memory used during editing and a permanent storage memory area (claim 2). Neither Lin nor Lee teach or suggest “the memory area of a plurality of mobile terminals further comprises a personal area and a shared area.”

Thus, the subject matter claim 3 is allowable over the prior art of record.

As the subject matter of claim 3 has been incorporated into claim 1, claims 1, 2, 4-23, 48, 58, and 59 are allowable.

The Patent Office asserted (page 8, lines 9-11, of the Final Office Action mailed January 17, 2007) “As to claim 11, Lee further discloses method as described in claim 3, where the information in the shared area is automatically synchronized between all users (col. 5, par. [0044]).” Lee, in paragraph 0044, does not appear to disclose claim 11’s recited subject matter of “where the information in the shared area is automatically synchronized between all users.” Instead, Lee discloses that an inbound chat message may have time stamps, sequence numbers, etc.

Thus, claim 11 is allowable over the prior art of record for this additional reason.

The Patent Office asserted (page 8, lines 12-14, of the Final Office Action mailed January 17, 2007) “As to claim 12, Lee further discloses a method as described in claim 3, where the information in the personal area comprises at least one edited instance of the editable object (col.

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6, par. [0049]).” Lee, paragraph 0049, does not appear to disclose claim 12’s recited subject matter of “where the information in the personal area comprises at least one edited instance of the editable object.” Instead, Lee discloses a buddy list display that has a buddy’s presence indicator, the buddy’s nickname, and/or the buddy’s short name indicator – none of which appear to be an edited instance of an editable object.

Thus, claim 12 is allowable over the prior art of record for this additional reason.

The Patent Office rejected claims 4-10, 15-18, 33, 37-40, and 46-62 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Gelernter, U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0139396.

Claims 4-10, 15-18, 48, 58, and 59 depend from claim 1.

Claims 54, 56, and 60 depend from claim 24.

Claims 55, 57, and 61 depend from claim 25.

Claims 33, 34, 36-40, 46, 47, 49-53, and 62 depend from claim 27.

Claim 4 recites “A method as in claim 1, where at least one of the plurality of mobile terminals initiates an editing process whereby information comprising at least one of a hard copy or edited instance is sent from at least one mobile terminal to at least one other of the plurality of mobile terminals.”

Although Gelernter (paragraph 0158) discloses a user may login and perform activities, such as sending email, Gelernter does not appear to disclose or suggest claim 4’s subject matter of “at least one of the plurality of mobile terminals initiates an editing process whereby information comprising at least one of a hard copy or edited instance is sent from at least one mobile terminal to at least one other of the plurality of mobile terminals.” Thus, claims 4-10 are allowable over Lin in view of Gelernter.

As to claim 59, Gelernter (paragraphs 0020, 0033) does not appear to disclose a list of edit commands, an editable video object, an editable image object, or an editable object sourced for an image archive or an image capture device.

As to claim 58, where in paragraphs 0139-0140, does Gelernter disclose “A method as in claim 1, further comprising utilizing control bits for each mobile terminal of the plurality of mobile terminals to provide contextual updates to other ones of the plurality of mobile devices?”

As to claim 58, Gelernter (paragraphs 0058-0062) appears to disclose server and non-

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server topologies, but does not appear to disclose “A method as in claim 1, further comprising utilizing control bits for each mobile terminal of the plurality of mobile terminals to provide contextual updates to other ones of the plurality of mobile devices.”

The Patent Office rejected claims 19 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Egawa, U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2004/0125126.

Claim 19 and 41 each assert “where each edited instance has a unique ID associated with it.”

Claims 19 and 41 are allowable because they depend from base claims 1 and 27, respectively.

The Patent Office rejected claims 28 and 31 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lin in view of Henriksson, U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2005/0052341.

Claim 28 asserts “where the information further comprises a user’s Own Edited Instance.”

Claim 31 asserts “where the information further comprises contextual information to convey coordination, control and status information regarding the collaborative editing of the editable object.”

Lin, as described above, discloses a server that maintains a database. The target area for technology of Lin is in inventory management (paragraphs [0004] through [0008]) where the ability to obtain up to date stock information is important. Lin does not discuss messaging between employees regarding stock information. For the state invention management problem of Lin, having a centralized database is optimal.

Henriksson represents non-analogous art with respect to Lin. Henriksson is directed to two overlaid displays to selectively view or focus on data on the first and/ or second display by optically altering his/ her focus (paragraph [0004]) to display text, symbols, messages or icons (paragraph [0033], lines 7-10) and provide other visual interaction (paragraph [0031], lines 1-2). Henriksson also discloses that a document may be displayed so as to present different related images on the two overlaid displays (paragraphs [0037] to [0038]).

One of ordinary skill in the art would not look to modifying Lin by Henriksson. Were Henriksson to be implementable in the system and method of Lin, it would involve the overlaying of two displays in a mobile device and would not involve the transmission of information from one mobile terminal to another.

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Thus, claims 28 and 31 are not made obvious by Lin and Henriksson and are allowable over the prior art of record.

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and remove the rejections of the claims 1, 13, 14, 20-26, 29-30, 32, 35, and 42-45 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) based on Lin and claims 2-12, 15-19, 28, 31, 33, 37-41, and 46-62 under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) based on Lin, Lee, Egawa, Gelernter, and/or Henriksson, and to allow all of the pending claims 1, 2, 4-25, and 27-62 as now presented for examination. An early notification of the allowability of all claims is earnestly solicited.